

# TRANSMITTAL OF UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION FOR FILING

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of inventor(s):  
Robert J. Mrofka and Ted Kowalski

and entitled: Towing Hitch Extension

## 1. Type Of Application

This application is:

- ☒ an original (non-provisional) application.
- ☐ a divisional of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ a continuation of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ This application is assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Certified Copy of priority applications:  
Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Enclosed Application Elements are:

- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter,
- ☒ specification (including claims and abstract) containing pages 1-14
- ☒ drawings:    1 copy of    ( ) sheet(s) of formal drawings, **OR**  
  X   1 copy of   4   sheets of informal drawings.
- ☒ an executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, **OR**
- ☐ an unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, **OR**
- ☐ a copy of an executed declaration or oath including power of attorney from a priority application,
- ☐ statement deleting inventor(s) named in the priority application

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## 3. Enclosed **Accompanying Application Parts** are:

- ☒ This application is entitled to small entity status.
- ☐ Copy of verified statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
  - ☐ Claim cancellations are indicated in Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ one itemized, stamped, and self-addressed postcard for the PTO Mail Room date stamp.
- ☐ English translation document
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and copies of the citations therein.

## 4. Filing Fees (as calculated below)

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For:	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$ 750
Total Claims	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$
Independent Claims	3	0	x \$ 84 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented (if applicable)			+ \$280=	\$
Subtotal				\$ 750
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity				- 375
TOTAL				\$ 375

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